

As a licensed amateur radio operator, I am concerned that BPL will dramatically impact the ability of amateur radio (and other users of the HF radio spectrum) to reliably communicate. Repeatedly, in times of national disaster and emergency, the use of the HF spectrum by amateurs has been of primary importance. I have experienced the disruption of broadband interference in the past from malfunctioning equipment and know firsthand the level of reduced effectiveness in communication caused by it. The resulting interference was very much like that which I have seen shown in preliminary testing by the ARRL. Our ability to receive weak signals is crucial to effective communications in emergency situations and heightened levels of ambient noise (the examples I have seen demonstrated are extreme) could severely hamper these communications.

I am in favor of the ARRL comments filed in this proceeding as I understand them, that implementation needs to be stopped until further testing can be conducted and a consensus is reached on how to eliminate this byproduct of BPL service before its